

## THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 1859.

## THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Evening Post.]

NEW GRANADA, July 26, 1859.—It is strange that in the United States a region should exist which belongs entirely to another world and another time. But such is the case with the eastern or German counties of the great state of Pennsylvania. These counties were settled by the Germans, and they still remain German. No change has taken place among the people; they speak, live and act nothing but German. In the last few days I have walked from the Delaware river to the Susquehanna, and during that journey have spoken to almost every one that I met on the road, have stopped in all the houses, and did not find more than a dozen persons who were able to speak English. I took the road through the mountains passing the Water Gap, and travelled through some of the most beautiful scenery on the continent, following the windings of the streams and stopping over night in little hamlets covered up in the hills.

The mountains rise up on either side of the road, clothed in pines and chestnuts, and their tops for some days made the only horizon, cutting off some time from the length of the days. The rich broad lands of the valleys are peopled by German farmers, with here and there a village gathered about their barns. These farmers, judging from their barns, are well to do in the world; for such barns never were seen, even on model farms, in the Eastern States. On the journey I have seen some enormous ones, from fifty to a hundred feet in length, and from forty to sixty feet deep. The ends are built of worked limestone, about three feet thick, while the faces are all of wood, and are built with glass windows. The large barns stand three stories high, with a basement, the windows are all sashed and glazed. The wood-work of these mammoth stables is painted red, and is adorned with all manner of devices, stars, suns, crosses, and with a rather strange-shaped monster, over which I paused half a day until I was told that it was an anchor. I never should have known if I had not been told.

All the great barns have the names of the owner and builder painted on them over the central window, and many of them have some motto, generally as inappropriate as possible. But the horses are worthy of even the palatial stables, for they are very large, and look as if they were finely kept. The houses in which the people live are not very different from the striking contrast with the barns. They are poor log huts, plastered up with mud, never more than one and a half stories high, and will average about twelve feet by fifteen; they are overflowing with children.—These people have lost trace of what part of the fatherland they came from. All the information that I could gather was, that they came from Germany. But what part of Germany? "O, from Germany," further than this they either would or could not tell me. They still retain the names of many country customs, and are governed by country laws, but the law, for bad whiskey has planted over the place of weak beer. Their frolics (their squirts, as they call them,) marriages, funerals and christenings, without a priest, are attended by the whole country side, and they themselves told me that the effects of whiskey are oftentimes unpleasantly noticed.

In this country, Germany, as the inhabitants call it, wives and daughters are very useful in a household. The do field work with the men, and are not troubled with consumption. Large, strong, masculine men, with faces bearded and hair tangled, they seem to enjoy life full as much as their more delicate sisters in the city. The women of the house do everything and keep everything in order, or rather disorder.

All this is in the richest agricultural country in the State, amid farms of the highest cultivation, and with mountain and sky so beautiful that one would think they must have some influence upon the minds of the inhabitants. Contrary to their usual taste, the Germans here have very little appreciation of music. I heard some little German songs which must have been imported from the fatherland by the first settlers, the music consisted of a certain number of words run on in rapid recitative, and interwoven with a loud, dismal howl. The language which is spoken is a mixture of several of the old German dialects, crossed with English; this last having caused the dropping of most of the noun and many of the verb case endings, recently arrived Germans are unable to understand the tongue, and call it very hard names.

The coal measure occurs in the mountains through the district, and has been worked by English, Welsh and Irish, under American engineers, but darkness closes in around these bright spots, although it seems a paradox to call coal bright, and the little civilization extends no further than in the immediate region of the mines. There are, however, some few iron forges in the hills, worked by the Germans, in the same manner as those in the Harz mountains, making, at a great waste of labor, very good iron. The nearest outlet in farm was to the sea, and the inhabitants are perfectly contented, every face is round, and every one has a pleasant expression or none at all, principally the latter. I did not see a single ill-natured look on the whole trip, except one man who was talking loud to his wife in the unknown tongue.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The advertiser having been restored to health in a few weeks, by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe Lung Affection, and to that disease, Consumption, is anxious to make, and to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge,) with directions for preparing and using the same, which will find a cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. The only object of the advertiser in sending the prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost nothing, and may prove a blessing. Parties wishing the prescription will please address—

REV. ELLIOTT, Long Island.

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## NOTICE TO RAILROAD CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Virginia and Kentucky Railroad Company, in the city of Alexandria, until 12 o'clock, on the 8th of September next, for the graduation and masonry upon the first fifty miles of the road, extending from Abingdon to a short distance West of the Clinch river.

The proposals will be made in one mile sections—each price.

The plans, specifications, and all necessary information for those proposing to bid for this work, can be obtained at the office of the Engineer of the Company. By order of the Board:

W. BEVERHOUT THOMPSON, Chief Engineer.

Abingdon, Va., Jy 19—dts 5

## PLASTER GRINDING.

I RESPECTFULLY INFORM MY FRIENDS, and the public, that I have taken the lately occupied by Whiting & Wright, and solicit the custom of all wanting a good, well ground, article of PLASTER OF PARIS.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS, No. 16, N. Lombard's.

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## POWELL &amp; CO.

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF FERTILIZERS.

## RECEIVING THIS SEASON, direct from the

Chilean Islands, per Ship "Ceres," "Templeman," "Silver Star," and "Charles Ward," their supply of

## PERUVIAN GUANO.

And are thus enabled to offer to their customers a fresh article, in new and strong buggings.

They also offer for sale—

## SOMBRERO GUANO.

The Fishes of GUANO known.

Having acquired the Agency for the sale of this article in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, a full supply will always be kept on hand.—It is put up in bags and barrels.

Phosphoric acid, estimated as equivalent to phosphate of lime, is found to contain—

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By Prof. Morfit, of New York, 79.50

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## ALEXANDRIA BOARDING SCHOOL.

KONSTANTIN KEMPER, Instructor in Ancient Languages, JAMES G. CLARK, Mathematics and Civil Engineering, DELAMAR KEMPER, Eng. Branches and Nat. Sciences, ALBERTUS ZAPONE, Modern Languages.

WILLIAM McLEOD, Drawing.

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Lectures, fully illustrated, will be regularly delivered, on the subjects of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Astronomy.

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